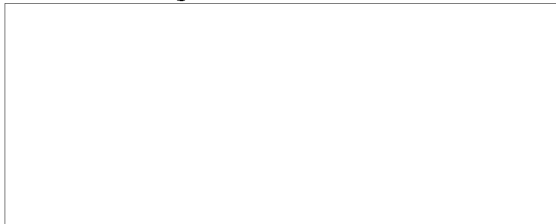S-E-C-R-E-T

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5. Treatment of out-patients is from 0900 to 1800 hours. Most doctors work at the hospital during the morning hours and devote their afternoons to consultations at the district centers, including Army institutions. The hospital has two lecture rooms where doctors from the neighborhood meet every week.

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6. Medical treatment, sanitation, and hygiene are very poor in comparison with European standards, and the death rate is reported very high despite the assistance rendered by the hospital. A considerable part of all surgical cases are casualties of the recent war, and many of them leave the hospital with a high percentage of disability. Almost no effort is made to rehabilitate these patients, who consequently try to delay as long as possible their dismissal from the hospital.

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7. The Polish doctors direct their principal efforts toward raising the professional standards of medical students and teachers and at improving the practices of sanitation. Language presents a major problem. Lectures were formerly given in Polish and then translated into Korean, but they are now simultaneously translated by interpreters. Doctors' assistants must also help with the training of medical students and participate in weekly conferences on various professional questions. Polish nurses have the responsibility of instruction on the care of the sick. Occasional Polish or Soviet films on hygiene and sanitation are shown.

8. Prescriptions by Korean doctors are under strict supervision and must be accompanied by the diagnosis of the case under treatment so that the chief doctor and the head of the dispensary can exercise control of medication. Grave mistakes in this respect are not infrequent and have been the subject of numerous conferences.

9. On the whole, the mission has been accepted by the local medical workers. However, Polish doctors find it difficult to adapt themselves to Korean conditions.

1. _____ Comment: _____ all installations of the Polish Red Cross Hospital in North Korea were transferred to the North Korean government on 2 August 1955.

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